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## Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products April 2014

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary March steel imports were **\$3.1 billion** (**3.4 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary March totals of \$2.8 billion (2.9 million metric tons).

The April change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs; wire rods; and cold rolled sheets. Decreases occurred primarily in hot rolled sheets, reinforcing bars, and tin plates. Increases occurred primarily with China. Decreases occurred primarily with Germany, India, and Turkey.

The year to date final statistics through March 2014 showed steel imports of 8.8 million metric tons compared with 7.0 million metric tons through March 2013. The largest commodity increase occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in line pipe. The largest country increase occurred primarily with Russia. Decreases occurred primarily with Australia, Canada, and Ukraine.

### Notes:

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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